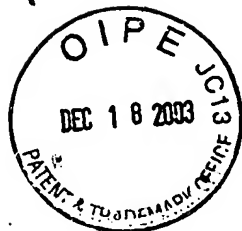


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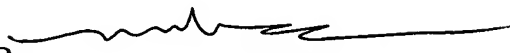
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 19, 2003, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 96-97, drawn to a fluid processing system having a processing machine, a disposable fluid processing circuit, and a cartridge holding first and second fluid pathways.

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